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SUBJECT: ARMENIA: PARLIAMENT RATIFIES INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONVENTIONS

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¶1. Per reftels, Post provides the following update regarding exploitive child labor:

-- On October 3, the Armenian National Assembly ratified International Labor Organization (ILO) Minimum Age Convention [¶138](#). Armenpress News Agency quoted Labor and Social Affairs Minister Aghvan Vardanyan, who described the National Assembly's vote to ratify the convention as a step "to prevent any instances of exploitation of children."

¶2. In the same session, the Armenian National Assembly ratified ILO Conventions 14, 26, 97, 118, 132 and 143.

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